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ENGLISH
STANDARD GRADE
Foundation, General
and Credit Levels
Writing

Read This First

- 1 Inside this booklet, there are photographs and words.
Use them to help you when you are thinking about what to write.
Look at all the material and think about all the possibilities.
- 2 There are 21 assignments altogether for you to choose from.
- 3 Decide which assignment you are going to attempt.
Choose only **one** and write its number in the margin of your answer book.
- 4 Pay close attention to what you are asked to write.
Plan what you are going to write.
Read and check your work before you hand it in.
Any changes to your work should be made clearly.





FIRST **Look at the picture opposite.
It shows a statue overlooking a city.**

NEXT Think about life in a city.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO WRITE

1. **Write about an occasion** when you went on a school trip to a city.

Remember to include your **thoughts and feelings**.

OR

2. Holidays are not just about sun, sea and sand.

Give your views.

OR

3. **Write a short story** using the following opening:

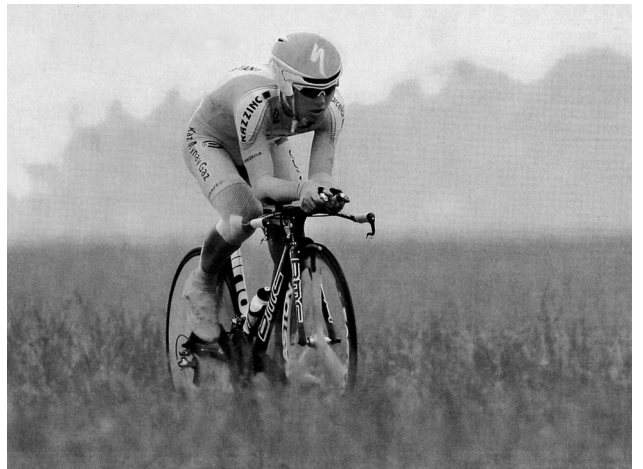
From a great height he watched. Cars, buses, boats, people.
Slowly, he drew his plans . . .

You should develop **setting** and **character** as well as **plot**.

OR

4. **Write in any way you choose** using the picture opposite as your inspiration.

[Turn over



FIRST **Look at the pictures opposite.**
They show people involved in different sports.

NEXT Think about what sport means to you.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO WRITE

5. My Sporting Hero.

Write a magazine article giving information about your favourite sportsperson.

OR

6. There should be more opportunities for sport in local communities.

Give your views.

OR

7. **Write a short story** using the title:

Against the Odds

You should develop **setting** and **character** as well as **plot**.

OR

8. **Write about** a sporting occasion when taking part was more important than winning.

Remember to include your **thoughts and feelings**.

[Turn over



FIRST **Look at the picture opposite.
It shows a tigress and her cubs.**

NEXT Think about protecting animals.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO WRITE

9. One of the Family.

Write about the importance of a pet in your life.
Remember to include your **thoughts and feelings**.

OR

10. **Write a magazine article** in which you present the case **for** the protection of an animal in danger.

OR

11. **Write a short story** using **ONE** of the following titles:

The Animal Kingdom Animal Magic

You should develop **setting** and **character** as well as **plot**.

[Turn over



FIRST **Look at the picture opposite.**
It shows a man at the top of a staircase.

NEXT Think about achievements in your life.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO WRITE

12. Write about an occasion when you achieved a personal goal after a struggle.

Remember to include your **thoughts and feelings**.

OR

13. Achievement in school is about more than success in exams.

Give your views.

OR

14. Write a short story using the following opening:

It had been tough. Sacrifice. Time. Effort. Now she had succeeded. Let the new life begin . . .

You should develop **setting** and **character** as well as **plot**.

[Turn over



FIRST **Look at the picture opposite.
It shows two people on a survival course.**

NEXT Think about outdoor activities.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO WRITE

15. Write about an occasion when you learned new skills through taking part in an outdoor activity.

Remember to include your **thoughts and feelings**.

OR

16. Write a short story using the following title:

Trapped in the Forest

You should develop **setting** and **character** as well as **plot**.

OR

17. Outdoor education should be available to all pupils.

Give your views.

[Turn over for assignments 18 to 21 on *Page twelve*

There are no pictures for these assignments.

18. Describe the scene brought to mind by **ONE** of the following:

Light as air, they hovered then swooped, twisting impossibly around feather clouds.

OR

Waves lapped at pebbles on the distant shore and a kindly sun drew a gentle haze over the land.

19. Holidays at home are better for the environment than going abroad.

Give your views.

OR

20. Write about an occasion when you were a positive role model for a friend or relative.

Remember to include your **thoughts and feelings**.

OR

21. Write a short story using the following title:

Paradise Lost

You should develop **setting** and **character** as well as **plot**.

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]

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